IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME!
THAT'S THE ONE, ALL RIGHT.
YUP.
ZEFIE...
WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE!!

THE PLACE THAT IS IN THE WORLD BUT NOT IN THE WORLD!
...WE HAVE TO ESCAPE TO THE PLACE SYSTEM GUYS CAN'T GO.

THE NET SLUMS!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE HAVE TO GET TO...

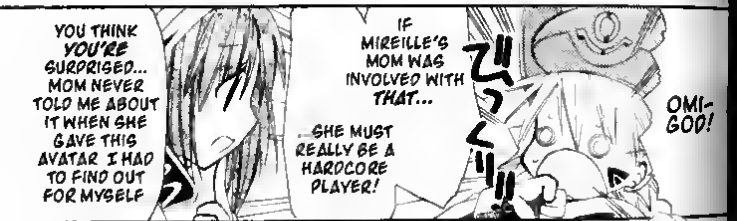
YOU'RE HERE.
AFTER YOU GUYS WERE ARRESTED, I CALLED ON EVERY CONNECTION I HAD!
HOW'D YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH ONE OF THOSE SHADY PLAYERS?
AREN'T THE NET SLUMS A PLACE WHERE HACKERS AND CHEATERS HANG OUT?
I WAS SHOCKED, TOO.
NYA HA! ☆
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET UP WITH A GUY...
WHO CAN TELL US HOW TO GET THERE

UGH!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
ISN'T THAT THE GUY WHO RATTED SHUGO OUT?
BY THE WAY...

IT'S PAY-BACK TIME...

IF OUR ENEMIES ARE ADMINISTRATORS, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO FIND US NO MATTER WHERE WE FLEE.
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'VE GOT TO HIDE FROM THOSE SYSTEM GUYS.
AND WE HAVE TO TAKE ZEFIE TO HER MOTHER, AURA!
WELL, WHAT ARE WE DOING JUST STANDING AROUND?

SINCE THE BIG EVENT OF FOUR YEARS AGO.
MISTRAL AND I WERE GOOD FRIENDS BACK IN THE DAY.


YOU THINK YOU'RE SURPRISED... MOM NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT IT WHEN SHE GAVE THIS AVATAR I HAD TO FIND OUT FOR MYSELF
IF MIREILLE'S MOM WAS INVOLVED WITH THAT...
...SHE MUST REALLY BE A HARDCORE PLAYER!
OMI-GOD!

YOU LOOK SO FAMILIAR...
I-I THINK I RECOG-NIZE YOU!!
RENA?!
W-WAIT A SECOND!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S LIKE YOUR MOM'S FAMOUS!
I SUPPOSE SHE WAS TOO EMBAR-RASSED TO TELL HER OWN DAUGHTER ABOUT IT
SO, YOU ARE THE KIDS WHO WON THE "BLACK ROSE" AND "KITE" CHARAC-TERS?
ARE YOU, MAYBE...

BOO!
FUME
FUME
I'M "MIREILLE"!!

BUT HOW COME HE CALLED YOU "MISTRAL"?
SO, THAT'S YOUR CONNEC-TION?

MOM PLAYED A CHARAC-TER NAMED "MISTRAL." I FOUND OUT THAT SHE WAS A FAMOUS RARE HUNTER IN THE WORLD A WHILE BACK.
HUH?
I MEAN, MY REAL MOM.
HELLO, MISTRAL. I BROUGHT WHAT YOU ASKED FOR.

I'M SUPPOSED TO DELIVER THIS ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF.
BEFORE I FORGET, HERE I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR YOU TWO!
SHU-BOH!! RENA!!
YOU TWO HAVE DONE PRETTY WELL FOR YOURSELVES, EH?
KAZ, WHAT'S THAT?
A SECRET ITEM--- HELBA KEY.
HELBA KEY...
WITH THIS GIFT COMES A MESSAGE "USE THIS KEY AT THE CHAOS GATE"
SO...
...THAT'S THE KEY TO THE NET SLUMS, HUH?

YOU'VE GROWN UP.
RENA."
SHU-
.. MY OLD NEIGH-BORS
THE KUNISAKI TWINS IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
I KNEW IT!
KAZ...? ARE YOU REALLY KAZ?!

KOMIYAMA?!
WAIT A MOMENT, ADMINIS-TRATOR!!
YOUR ALLEGA-TION IS NO LONGER RELATIVE
BUT --
OUR INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED A HISTORY OF ABUSES BEYOND THE TRIVIAL INCIDENT WITH YOUR CHARAC-TER
I DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST SHUGO KUNISAKI, SO PLEASE LET HIM BE!!
LOOK! MY CHARAC-TER IS BACK TO NORMAL
...THEY'RE INNO--
ARRESTING KUNISAKI IS ONE THING, BUT RENA-CHAN AND THE LITTLE GIRL
THIS IS A GAME, NOT A DICTATORSHIP!
NO WAY
!!

THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING IT TO ME
YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWED THIS WHOLE TIME?!
OH NO! IT'S THOSE ADMIN DUDES!
THE HIVE OF CORRUPTED DATA. ONCE WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE NET SLUMS, WE CAN ELIMINATE FILTH LIKE YOU FROM THE WORLD.
SHE'S THE ONE WHO TOLD US ABOUT THE NET SLUMS AT NAVAL MONTE!!
HEY! I REMEMBER HER!
!!
SO, WE'VE BEEN TRICKED?!
SHUGO... SO YOUR PARTY IS INVOLVED WITH THE NET SLUMS AFTER ALL JUST AS I SUSPECTED.

.hack//ROADS OF THE WORLD

NOW, HAND IT OVER.
THE SECRET TO UNLOCKING THE NET SLUMS--THE HELBA KEY.
LOGIN 16 SPEAR THROUGH THE HEART
I PROMISED MYSELF..
...THAT I WOULD PROTECT THIS "WORLD" NO MATTER WHAT.
...AS I SAW HIM LEAVE...
SUBJECT: RE: TO OUKA
SENDER: OUKA

IF YOU CAN, THAT IS.
GO AHEAD.
YOU..
YOU, WATCH YOUR WORDS OR I'LL TERMINATE YOUR ACCOUNT!
YES, MA'AM!!
ARREST HIM! ARREST THEM ALL!!
YOU DARE MOCK ME?!
KAZ!!
DON'T WORRY.
GO, SHUGO!!
KAZ! ONII-CHAN!!
THOSE SUITS AT CC CORP NEVER LEARN
WHAT A SHAME.

KNOWING THAT, YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP IT, YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF YOUR USER AGREEMENT
THAT KEY IS A CHEAT ITEM.
KOMIYAMA'S BEEN SUSPENDED.
KAZ...
I MUST HAVE YOU TESTIFY TO WHERE THE KEY CAME FROM.
AND YOU, THERE. I REQUIRE YOU TO COME WITH ME.
..BUT I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT TRUST CC CORP.
I LOVE THE WORLD...
BITE ME.

TADH!!
GAH!!
WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT.
I WAS EXPECTING YOU COMPANY THUGS TO BE A LITTLE TOUGHER.
P-PLEASE HEAL ME!!
SHE'S TOO STRONG!!
WHA--?!
I'M NOT A DOG.
IF I GIVE THE ORDER..
..YOU DIE LIKE A DOG.
DO YOU REALLY WANT YOUR CHARACTERS TO GET DELETED?!
WE'VE WARNED YOU!

!!
BUT.. WHAT ABOUT KAZ?!
SHUGO, RENA! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
YOUR NAME'S KAZ, HUH?
NOW YOU'RE WHAT I CALL...

THAT'S FOR ALL THE PAIN YOU'VE CAUSED MY FRIENDS,
UGH!
CAP-TAIN!
K-KAMUI-SAN!!
HII-YA!
GO! SHIGO!!
WOLVES...
...DO NOT OBEY YOU "DOGS."
!!
WAIT!
OUKA-SAN, COULD I BUY YOU DINNER SOMETIME AT MAC ANU?
CALL ME OUKA
NICE WORK, WOLFY.

I'M A WOLF!
AND PROUD OF IT!
OUKA IS MY ALTER EGO.
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ELF.

Shugo and his party members...
...are protected.
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE LIMITED EDITION CHARACTERS, THEIR ACCOUNTS ARE STILL PROPERTY OF THE CC CORPORATION!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
The corporation...
...did not hold the event which gave away that gift.
It was held without our notice.
!?
All further information is classified.
As a system administrator, you must complete the task we have given you.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO..?
NO MATTER WHAT IT IS...
...THE COBALT KNIGHT BRIGADE WILL STOP IT!
THERE'S SOMETHING.
SOMETHING UNKNOWN, SOMETHING DANGEROUS, LOOSE IN THE WORLD.
SURE, IF WE SURVIVE!
DON'T WORRY
WE'VE GOT HER PROTECTION
WHY WON'T YOU GRANT ME PERMISSION TO DELETE SHUGO AND HIS PARTY?!
WHY NOT?
WHAT IS UPPER MANAGEMENT HIDING FROM US?!
DAMMIT!
DAMN...
THAT GUY.. DID HE HACK INTO OUR DATA?
HOW.. HOW CAN THERE BE USERS WHOSE ACCOUNTS CAN'T BE DELETED?

EVEN IF IT KILLS ME...
...I WILL NOT LET YOU INTERFERE WITH MY MISTRESS.
USH
WHATEVER HE HIT US WITH IS WEARING OFF
RIP TEYN!
COBALT KNIGHTS, FIGHT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!!
RIP TEYN: RECOVERY SPELL AGAINST POISON, PARALYSIS, SLOW, AND DRAINS ON PHYSICAL ABILITIES.
HUFF
HUFF
ALL RIGHT!
LET'S USE THE ITEM...
...HELBA KEY.
AND, DON'T WORRY ABOUT OU-KA SHE'S INCREDIBLY STRONG!!
KAZ, TOO.
LET'S HURRY AND USE THE HELBA KEY!!
WE'RE ALL HERE!
ALL RIGHT.

THAT'S RIGHT.
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, KAMUI-SAN
GO AFTER SHUGO AND HIS PARTY!
GAH!
"TAROT OF THE HANGED MAN"!
I'VE WATCHED YOU LONG ENOUGH THAT TO KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT.
I WILL FOLLOW THE PATH YOU CHOOSE, WHEREVER IT MIGHT LEAD US.
ALL RIGHT!
JUST DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THEM!!
.....

SHUGO!!
WHY?
WHY DO YOU SEE RENA, ZEFIE AND ME AS ENEMIES?
WHOA!!
GAH!
YOU ALL RIGHT?
SHUGO!!
OUCH.
SHE'S STRONG...
STOP IT!!
TO PROTECT THE WORLD...
...I MUST DELETE BUGS LIKE THIS ONE IT IS MY DUTY.
ZEFIE!!
.....
A BUG OR A CHEAT, NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL IT MIGHT SEEM
HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DESTROY ALL BALANCE IN THE GAME
BECAUSE YOU THREATEN THE SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM!
WHY YOU AGG
WHOA
I WON'T LET YOU!!
PROTECTED ACCOUNT OR NOT, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF YOUR HIT POINTS ARE REDUCED TO ZERO!!
I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN WITH BRUTE FORCE IF I HAVE TO!!
UGH!!
BEING A SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR MUST BE A TOUGH JOB.
I'LL NEVER WORK FOR A GAME COMPANY.
I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE SO EASILY!!
THAT WAS CLOSE!

EVEN IF THEY ARE DANGEROUS, YOU CAN'T JUST DELETE THEM!!
ZEFIE...AND MR GRUNTY... THEY'RE ALL ALIVE!!
MADAM ADMINIG-TRATOR, I AM PLAYING THIS GAME FROM AMERICA
HOTARU-CHAN..
I...CAME HERE..WANTING TO LEARN JAPANESE. THAT'S WHAT GOT ME STARTED.
NO! TO ME THEY ARE SPECIAL FRIENDS!
THIS IS JUST A GAME
THEY'RE JUST BITS OF CODE, NOT LIVING THINGS.
HE USED TO TELL ME ALL THE TIME THAT THE WORLD HERE IS HIS FAVORITE PLACE.
..HAS BEEN PLAYING THROUGH THE JP SERVER FOR A LONG TIME
A FRIEND OF MINE FROM JAPAN..

PLEASE STOP IT!!
HOTARU-CHAN! IT'S DANGER-OUS!!
NO!!

GRUMMOLE
THAT TOTALLY KILLED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SCENE
Not that I mind it
OH! ARE YOU HUNGRY, MR. GRUNTY?
ZEFIE?
CAN ZEFIE GIVE HIM SOME FOOD?
HAI! OF COURSE!!

"IT'S REALLY A GOOD PLACE"
"IT'S LOVED AND PROTECTED BY ALL WHO VISIT THERE," HE SAYS
I DO NOT WANT...
...THIS IS MY DUTY.
HOTARU!!
NO!
I WILL NOT!!
STEP ASIDE NOW, OR DIE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!
NO!

HEY! YOU'RE GONNA POP HIM!
THAT'S NOT COOKING AT ALL!!
YOU, VAGRANT AI!
HOW DARE YOU BREAK THE RULES AGAIN?!
UGH
HE'S GROWING?
!!
IS THIS HOW... ...A GRUNTY TRANSFORMS TO ITS FULLY MATURED STATE?
WOW...
.....

FIRST, PREPARE THE FOOD! CHOP, CHOP!
!?
NOW, CRAM IT ALL DOWN HIS THROAT. THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
IT'S ALMOST TOO EASY
OH!!
PATISSIER ZEFIE'S SPECIAL...
GRUNTY COOKING!!
MY SOUS CHEF WILL BE OSCAR!

HORN...
LONGHORN...

WITH SUCH POWERFUL STATS...
...ISN'T ONE OF THE OFFICIAL CLASSES
THAT GRUNTY...
...THAT THING COULD DESTABILIZE THE ENTIRE SYSTEM!
MR. GRUNTY?
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO PROTECT THE WORLD FOR ME.
I'M RETIRING...
I'M SORRY
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
IT MUST BE RARE... I MEAN SUPER RARE!!
WHAT'S THIS? WHAT IS THIS?
ZEFIE!!
YOU...!
WATCH OUT!!
FILTHY DATA!!
THIS IS SO GREAT.
I ALWAYS WANTED TO TALK TO YOU, MR. GRUNTY...
HOTARU...
PLEASE RIDE ON MY BACK.
ALL OF YOU, PLEASE GET ON!!
NOW!!
YOU CAN TALK?

ZEFIE ?!
SHUGO ?!
WAIT FOR US. WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
MADAM ADMINIS-TRATOR
WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU...

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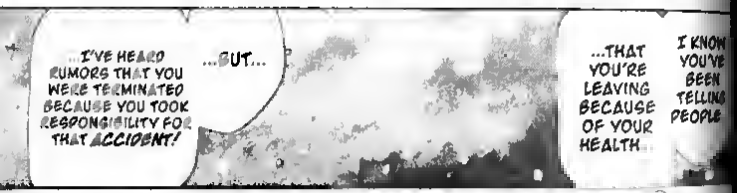
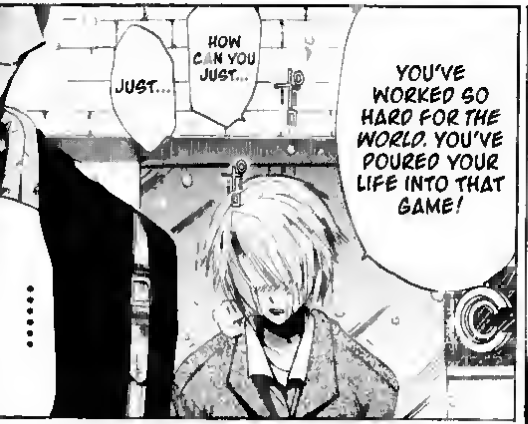
MY... SPEAR OF VOLTAN
WE DID IT!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE-- LET'S GO!

YEAH
ARE YOU REALLY QUITTING?

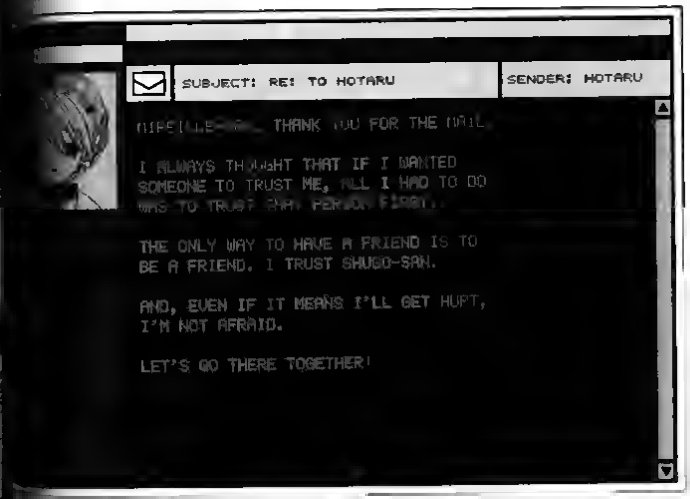
I JUST CAN'T!
I CAN'T UNDER-STAND IT!!

FOUR YEARS AGO--
CYBER CONNECT JAPAN HEADQUARTERS


...I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT YOU WERE TERMINATED BECAUSE YOU TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT ACCIDENT!
...BUT...
...THAT YOU'RE LEAVING BECAUSE OF YOUR HEALTH...
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN TELLING PEOPLE


JUST...
HOW CAN YOU JUST...
YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR THE WORLD. YOU'VE POURED YOUR LIFE INTO THAT GAME!
.....

WHY?


SUBJECT: RE: TO HOTARU
SENDER: HOTARU
[illegible] THANK YOU FOR THE MAIL.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT IF I WANTED SOMEONE TO TRUST ME, ALL I HAD TO DO [illegible] WAS TO TRUST SOME PERSON FIRST.
THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE A FRIEND IS TO BE A FRIEND. I TRUST SHUGO-SAN.
AND, EVEN IF IT MEANS I'LL GET HURT, I'M NOT AFRAID.
LET'S GO THERE TOGETHER!

I SHED MY LAST TEARS THAT DAY.

I WANT TO BE STRONG...

BE STRONG...

LOGIN 17
THAT TIME...
PT. 1

...SO THAT I CAN PROTECT THE WORLD.

THE SPEAR WAS A SYMBOL OF MY BELIEF.. MY DESIRE TO BE STRONG.
MY SPEAR IS BROKEN.
THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT.
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE?
WHAT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ANYMORE.

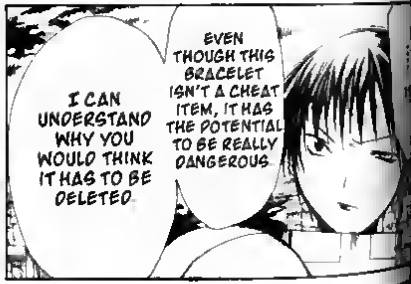
RENA-SAN.
BUT --!!
IT'S OKAY.
LET'S LEAVE IT TO SHUGO.
BLUSH
...RENA-SAN...
SHUGO IS...
...OUR "HERO," REMEMBER?
A WORD... WITH ME?
.....
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW.

IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT BY USING AURA'S BRACELET, I COULD CAUSE SO MUCH TROUBLE FOR SOMEONE ELSE
WHEN IT HAPPENED, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I WANTED TO BE A HERO.
I...

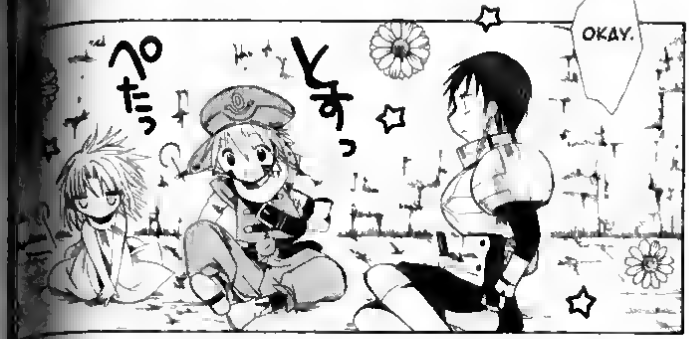
AND, SHE'S MY MAMA.

SHE'S THE ONE WHO SAVED ME AND GAVE ME THIS BRACELET
NOD
AURA?

I'M SORRY.
I HAVE..
I CAN'T JUST GIVE IT UP RIGHT NOW.


I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD THINK IT HAS TO BE DELETED
EVEN THOUGH THIS BRACELET ISN'T A CHEAT ITEM, IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE REALLY DANGEROUS

BUT...
..EVEN SO..


OKAY.
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DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW THAT?

WHAT?!
MY DAD ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT WHEN YOU TALK TO SOMEONE, YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE SAME LEVEL

WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY STORY...
...ABOUT THE BRACELET?

GRR!
YOU'RE JUST A VAGRANT AI. HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME THAT WAY?!
GRR!
GRR!
WHATEVER

...THAT I WOULD TAKE HER TO AURA!
AND... I PROMISED ZEFIE...
.. THE CREATOR OF AN IRREGULAR ITEM?!
THE MOTHER OF A VAGRANT AI, AND...
.....
...WHO COULD?
AN ENORMOUS GRUNTY THAT ISN'T AN OFFICIAL CLASS...
A BRACELET THAT CAN ALTER THE GAME DATA.
...CAN'T TOUCH THE CORE DATA OF THE WORLD...
IF EVEN THE CC CORP...
WHAT KIND OF A HACKER COULD INTEGRATE SUCH A SOPHISTICATED PROGRAM INTO THE SYSTEM?

I WANT TO KNOW THE REASON WHY I RECEIVED THIS BRACELET.
...A PROMISE TO KEEP.
THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE TO MEET.

JUST STOP THINKING!
.....?
BUT...
IF SO, WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE COBALT KNIGHT BRIGADE?
DON'T THINK.
I THOUGHT DELETING THEM WAS AN ACT OF JUSTICE.
VAGRANT AI...CHEAT ITEMS...
..IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A "GOD."
OMNISCIENCE AND OMNIPOTENCE OVER A VIRTUAL UNIVERSE
WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING?
A BLACK BOX NO ONE SHOULD LOOK INTO."
..HOW ...?
UN-DELETE-ABLE USER DATA
PROTECTED ONE
...IF THAT'S SO...
NO ONE CAN HAVE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD.
THAT'S WHAT WATARAI-SAN SAID!

WATARAI-SAN...
...IS THAT WHY YOU LEFT?
YOU!
HEY, YOU!
WHAT DOES THIS
WHAT DO WE LEFT-BEHIND TO THE WORLD?
WILL YOU SHUT UP AND LISTEN TO ME?!
ARRGH!
WHAT THE--?!
ZEFIE!!
I'M SO SORRY! I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE DID THAT!
.....
YOU...
...CANNOT DELETE SHUGO.
THE BRACELET, ITS BEARER AND HIS PARTY...
...THEY'RE ALL PROTECTED BY THE WORLD
BUT, YOU KNOW..

THE WORLD

...IN THE WORLD, EVERYONE IS BLESSED.
EVEN YOU...
...AND ME.

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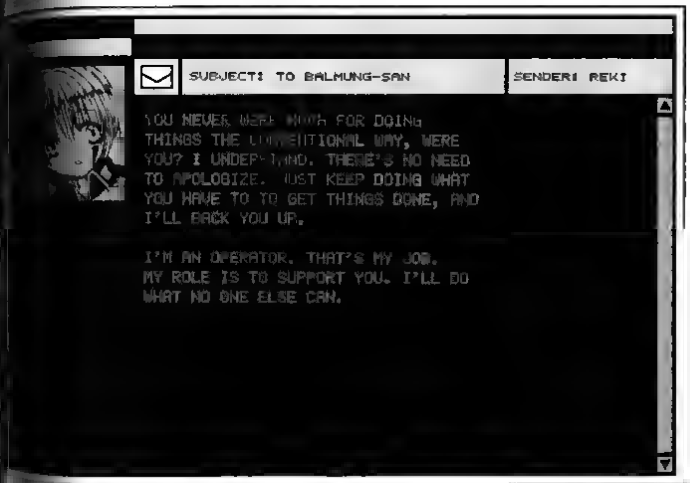
Are you still playing?
Mirei
Mirei?
MIREI
Okay?
Only today..
Shuge..
Shuge-san...


SUBJECT: TO BALMUNG-SAN
SENDER: REKI
YOU NEVER WERE WORTH FOR DOING THINGS THE CONVENTIONAL WAY, WERE YOU? I UNDERSTAND. THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE. JUST KEEP DOING WHAT YOU HAVE TO TO GET THINGS DONE, AND I'LL BACK YOU UP.
I'M AN OPERATOR. THAT'S MY JOB. MY ROLE IS TO SUPPORT YOU. I'LL DO WHAT NO ONE ELSE CAN.

WHAT? "BLESSED"?
LOGIN 18 THAT TIME... PT. 2
THAT'S RIGHT.
EVERY PLAYER CHARACTER IN THE WORLD...
...IS EQUALLY BLESSED.

...BY A VAGRANT AI.
I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE LECTURED TO...
.....
!?
AT FIRST, I DIDN'T REALIZE WHY I WAS BORN.
BUT, THANKS TO SHUGO...
.. NOW I UNDER-STAND.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO SEE HER TO FIND OUT.
SHUGO.
ARE YOU AWARE ..
...OF WHAT "AURA" IS?
YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE OF YOUR WILL TO BE HERE.
AND THE WORLD EMBRACES YOU FOR THAT.
I WANT TO BE HERE.
I WANT TO BE HERE WITH SHUGO.
IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU, RIGHT?
NO...
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY...
...I DON'T CARE WHAT AURA IS.
AURA SAVED ME, MY FRIENDS AND ZEFIE.
SHE LET ME ...
.. EXPERIENCE THIS EXCITING ADVENTURE. AND THAT'S WHY. .

...I JUST WANT TO SEE THIS ADVENTURE TO ITS END.
!!
...I DON'T MIND GETTING DELETED ONCE IT'S ALL OVER BUT RIGHT NOW..
.....
...I JUST WANT TO TELL HER...
...."THANK YOU."
HUH?
what a naughty girl
BESIDES, SHE'S MY FIRST KISS...
I KNOW WE'RE BEING SELFISH..
...BUT...
I DON'T MIND GETTING DELETED ONCE WE DELIVER ZEFIE TO HER MOTHER.
RENA!!
ME, TOO.
...PLEASE LET US GO.
...IF YOU MUST...
SO...

...AND HOPELESSLY OPTIMISTIC.

ALL ABOARD THE GRUNTY EXPRESS !!
ZEFIE !!
SHUGO KEKA!
MADAM ADMINIS-TRATOR!!
HOTARU!! EVERYONE! HOLD TIGHT
THANKS, MR. GRUNTY
I MEAN IT!
THANK AGAIN...

I'LL HATE OUT ONCE.
MADAM ADMINIS-TRATOR?
HM.
JUST ONCE!
I WON'T TURN MY BACK ON YOU AGAIN.
AFTER ALL...
...I LOST MY WEAPON.
...I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH THE REPLACE-MENT.
HOW-EVER...
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THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME.
.....
THANKS!!

You're going to steal my title of "most headstrong administrator."
A joke!
It's a joke!
Don't DO that!
BWa Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha!
Yup.
DID YOU JUST COME HERE TO MAKE FUN OF ME?
BALMUNG ..?!
Aren't you supposed to be dreaming?
I'm playing from home right now.
If you hadn't, I would have had to come out and MAKE you.
You made the right choice, letting Shugo and the others go.
YOU MAKE IT SOUND AS IF I'M SOME KIND OF EVIL MINION.
RIDICULOUS.

THIS IS SO COOL..
WE'RE FLYING!!
!!
Are you sure that letting them go...
.....

THAT'S WHY SHUGO PUT HIS FAITH IN YOU.
What was it that you wanted to protect?
KAMUI!!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME.
...
The RULES?
The CC CORPOR-ATION?
Was it the SOFT-WARE?
THIS IS MY JOB.
YOU'RE the villain-ous one!
.....
Aren't you?
Grrr
What?
CAN A RULE BE "EVIL"?
BUT IF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM--
I'VE ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT AS AN ENFORCER OF THE RULES, WHAT I DO IS THE RIGHT THING.
What's important ...
... into what's just and what's evil.
Not every-thing can be broken down ...
It doesn't work that way.